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C O N F I D E N T I A L AMMAN 1735

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: UNRWA

1. DURING COURSE OF VISIT TO JORDAN, UNRWA HIGH COMMISSION CALLED ON AMBASSADOR MARCH 12 TO DISCUSS PROJECTED \$35 MILLION UNRWA DEFICIT FOR 1975.

2. AS ADDRESSEES AWARE, RENNIE STILL CONCERNED TO FIND WAYS TO COVER DEFICIT. HE EXPLAINED HIS AND UNSYG WALDHEIM'S EFFORTS TO OBTAIN ASSISTANCE TO UNRWA FROM ARAB OIL PRODUCERS (POSSIBLY THROUGH FACESAVING DEVICE OF ARAB CONTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER UN AGENCIES SUCH AS UNESCO) AND RENNIE'S CURRENT EFFORTS TO STIMULATE JORDAN AND OTHER UNRWA RECIPIENTS TO SUPPORT HIS EFFORTS. RENNIE MENTIONED HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT EEC ALSO AWAITING ARAB CONTRIBUTION BEFORE INCREASING ITS OWN.

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EM MAJOR NEW POINT RAISED BY RENNIE RELATED TO US CONTRIBUTION TO 1976 UNRWA BUDGET. RENNIE SAID HE IS NOT AWARE HOW ADMINISTRATION IS HANDLING ITS FY 1976 REQUEST TO CONGRESS FOR UNRWA ACTIVITIES, BUT HE HOPES USG REALIZES THAT PROJECTED UNRWA BUDGET FOR 1976 IS \$150 MILLION, SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN \$130 M 1975 BUDGET. THEREFORE, SAME POTENTIAL DEFICIT SITUATION WILL EXIST IN 1976. RENNIE SAID HE FEARED THAT CONCENTRATION ON DESPERATE IMMEDIATE BUDGET SITUATION MAY HAVE OBSCURED EQUALLY SERIOUS SITUATION FOR 1976. RENNIE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD US ADMINISTRATION HAS TAKEN DECISION THAT UNRWA SHOULD BE CONTINUED AND HE THEREFORE HOPES THAT IT FOCUSING ON FUTURE AS WELL AS CURRENT FINANCIAL PROBLEMS.

4. IN REPLY, AMBASSADOR STATED HE APPRECIATED RENNIE'S POINT AND, ALTHOUGH DEPARTMENT MAKE ITS OWN DECISIONS ON SUCH MATTERS, HE OFFERED TO SUGGEST FOR DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERATION THAT US PROPOSE TO SUPPORT SAME PROPORTION OF UNRWA BUDGET IN 1976 AS IN CURRENT YEAR (ASSUMING OF COURSE THAT CONGRESS APPROVES PENDING REQUESTS AND THAT ADDITIONAL ARAB EEC AND OTHER DONORS PORTIONS ARE FORTHCOMING).

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO ABOVE SUGGESTION.  
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